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Norris Legislative Chamber. Senators, the afternoon session is about to reconvene. Please check in.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Any announcements?

CLERK: I have no announcements at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We now are going to move to the General File appropriations bills. Members, before we start today, just to give you a little idea of where we're going to be heading, I believe that the Education Committee is ready with their piece of this budget proposal, as is the Revenue Committee. And so they were not ready when we prepared the agenda last week. We will probably go to the education portion tomorrow, followed up by the revenue package, in an order that we...we'll try to get determined yet this afternoon. That does not mean that we're...we've stopped going to General File priority bills. It just means that the priority of scheduling is going to move over to Appropriations, Education, and Revenue to address the budget problems. There will also probably be some other committee priority bills, Speaker priority bills, a few of those that we're going to try to work in like we've done in the past, we'll continue to do that. But tomorrow you will see the scheduling of these bills start to take place. I'm going to try to take everything budget related that we've identified and move them and deal with them as a group and as a package. And so today we'll start with the...the appropriations bills, the first two. And the initial bill is LB 1310, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1310, a bill introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on March 5 of this year, at that time referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM3035,